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Remarks

In view of the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed August 30, 2005 and the Office communication mailed October 11, 2005, claim 1 has been cancelled and the remaining claims rewritten into independent and dependent format.

It is believed no additional fee is due; however, should that be incorrect, please charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and inform the undersigned in due course.

Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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